



Reference: Exodus 20:4-6

July 5-9

INTRODUCTION

Over the next few weeks our church will be studying the Ten Commandments. In so doing, we will be discussing how we can better love God and love others. This week in particular we will be looking how idolatry is dangerous both to our relationship with God and others.

ICE BREAKER

What is one thing in your house that you could not make it a month without?

QUESTIONS

- 1.) What comes to mind when you think of the word "Idol"? Do you struggle to believe the commandment concerning idolatry still applies to us today?
- 2.) We learned that worshipping the Right God the Wrong Way is idolatry. Read Exodus 20:4-5, God commands His people not to make an image to worship or serve. Why do you think God specifically forbid this?
- 3.) If something becomes a false mediator between you and God (a building, music, preacher etc.) it's an idol. Any confusion between the creator and created (money, fame, power, sex) is idolatry. What ways do you feel as though you would be tempted to worship the Right God the Wrong Way.?
- 4.) We learned that Idolatry is offensive to God and destructive to others. Read Exodus 20:5, God states that He is a jealous God. Remember that last week we stated that you can not divorce the law from the law giver, why can God be jealous for us and not be sinful?
- 5.) When God speaks about the 3rd and 4th generations this is sometimes mischaracterized as God punishing innocent children for the mistakes of their ancestors. What is actually being said is that parents who practice idolatry will most likely have children who practice idolatry and so on. What are some examples that you have seen of destructive or positive patterns being passed down a family line?
- 6.) Pastor John pointed out that God the Father offers a better way to worship. Read Exodus 20:6, God states that He shows steadfast love to those who love Him and keep His commandments. How is God better than any idol we could worship?
- 7.) What are some knock-off god's that you are might be tempted to worship instead of God?